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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 23-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 23-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/19/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 23-29, 31-33, 36-38 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pyun (U.S. 2004/0089626 A1). Pyun teaches a vent system 1000 for a drinking container

1. The vent system comprises a closure member adapted and configured for coupling, via 3, to an open top of the drinking container 1. The closure member 2000 includes an air passage, shown in figure 8, there through to allow the passage of air from outside the container to an interior of the container. The one-way valve 3400c sealingly and removably coupled to said closure member and operatively connected to said air passage and extending into said container, for permitting passage of air from outside the container into said interior of the container and preventing flow of liquid from the interior of the container to outside the container through the vent system, as shown in figure 8. The central portion 3300 having an air passage there through and at least one air vent tube 2100 with at least one air vent tube opening in a periphery of said closure member, wherein the air vent tube is operationally connected to said air passage such that air may pass into the container through the air tube, through the valve and into the container. The liquid openings are shown at lead line 2400. Element 3000 is the base portion and element 2000 is the disc portion. The embodiment shows the vent grooves in the base of the closure. The antibubble tube is element 4000. The collar is element 3.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 30 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pyun (U.S. 2004/0089626 A1) in view of Webb et al. (U.S. 7,204,380). Pyun teaches the claimed invention except for the heat sensor. Webb et al. teach that it is known to provide a drinking container with a heat sensor. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the container of Pyun with a heat sensor, as taught by Webb et al., in order to indicate the temperature to the user to reduce the risk of burning one's mouth.

5. Claims 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pyun (U.S. 2004/0089626 A1) in view of Brown et al. (U.S. 5,779,071). Pyun teaches the claimed invention except for the connecting portion of the valve. Brown et al. teach that it is known to provide a drinking container with a valve having a connecting portion (see element 718 and gripping portion 744). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the container of Pyun with the connecting portion of the valve structure, as taught by Brown et al., in order to allow for replacement of damaged parts.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art is cited for the valve structure.

7. This action is non-final.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIKI M. ELOSHWAY whose telephone number is (571)272-4538. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on 571-272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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